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SUBJ: DAILY SUMMARY FOR MAY 9

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1. PARTY CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG AND HIS ENTOURAGE WERE ACCOMPANIED BY KIM IL-SONG TO THE INDUSTRIAL CITY OF HAMHUNG ON MAY 8. HUA IS EXPECTED TO HOST A RETURN BANQUET FOR KIM IL-SONG ON MAY 9 BEFORE RETURNING TO PEKING.

2. AN "INTERNATIONAL LITERARY RAMBLINGS" COLUMN IN THE MAY 8 PEOPLE'S DAILY SATIRIZES PANAMA CANAL ZONE AMERICANS, TH U.S. SENATE IN GENERAL, AND SENATOR DECONCINI IN PARTICULAR FOR ALLEGEDLY FAILING TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE ERA OF COLONIALISM HAS ENDED.

3. PARTY VICE CHAIRMAN/VICE PREMIER/CHIEF OF STAFF TENG HSIAO-PING WIT WITH OUTGOING UUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR DRULOVIC ON MAY 8. ON THE SAME DAY TENG MET AND HOSTED A BANQUET FOR VISITING MEXICAN DEFENSE SECRETARY GENERAL FELIX GALVAN LOPEZ, NCNA REPORTED THAT TENG "POINTED OUT THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND MEXICO WERE VERY GOOD."

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4. THE SAGA OF BRITISH CHIEF OF DEFENSE STAFF SIR NEAL CAMERON, WHO WITH HIS CHINESE HOSTS DRANK INFORMALLY A TOAST TO COOPERATION AGAINST "THE ENEMY AT OUR DOORSTEP WHOSE CAPITAL IS IN MOSCOW," HAS CONTINUED TO CREATE CONTROVERSY IN LONDON. AN INTERVIEW WITH SIR NEAL CONDUCTED BEFORE HIS CHINA TRIP BUT ONLY PUBLISHED ON HIS RETURN QUOTES HIM AS REFERRING TO

THE "GODLESS" SOVIET UNION; THE LONDON TIMES REPORTED SIR NEAL RECEIVED A "GENTLE CARPETING" FROM HIS SUPERIORS; AND WIRE SERVICES INDICATE THAT THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY LODGED A FORMAL PROTEST WITH THE BRITISH CONCERNING SIR NEAL'S REMARK.

5. THE LAST OF SEVERAL SHOWINGS OF "STAR WARS" UNDER USLO AUSPICES IS SCHEDULED FOR THE EVENING OF MAY 9. CHINESE HAVE TURNED OUT IN DROVES (200-300 FOR SEVERAL SHOWING ACCORDING TO ROUGH ESTIMATES) AND EVEN SOLICITED ADDITIONAL TICKETS -- AN UNPRECEDENTED DISPLAY OF INTEREST.
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